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Palestine Liberation Army Plan*Arab Group to Fight Beside VC*

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Members of the Palestine Liberation Organization's army will be sent to Vietnam to "fight alongside the Vietcong in the struggle against American imperialism," the Middle East News Agency reported in Cairo yesterday.

In Moscow, Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny said that aid to the Communists in Vietnam will be increased "if necessary."

In a campaign speech in the Bolshoi Theater for Sunday's elections for the Supreme Soviet, Podgorny accused the United States of "unleashing new aggressive actions" in various parts of the world and said these were threatening

peace. He spoke of "recent provocations" in Cuba and voiced full Soviet support for the Castro regime.

U.S. Defeat Seen

On the question of Vietnam Podgorny expressed "wholehearted support for the just liberation war of the Vietnamese people" and predicted eventual defeat for the Americans. "If necessary, our aid will be extended and intensified," he said.

The Cairo announcement quoted Ahmed Shukairy, the chairman of the PLO, as saying that there was a plan to send his Arab soldiers to Vietnam.

Shukairy said this would enable armed elements "to study in actual surroundings, the methods of guerrilla warfare

which will be useful in the inevitable war to liberate Palestine."

Training in China

The PLO's army was created in January, 1964. It is still in the process of formation.

Shukairy recently told a PLO meeting that some of the organization's military elements were being trained in Communist China. If troops are actually sent to Vietnam, they may be drawn from these cadres.

In another development, the Canadian Red Cross announced in Toronto that it is giving \$10,000 to aid civilian victims in Communist areas of Vietnam. Last November it made a similar donation to Red Cross work in South Vietnam.